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Supervisor Weishan Rallies Opposition to Planned Expansion of I-94

MILWAUKEE – Supervisor John F. Weishan Jr. is calling on his fellow members of the County Board to override County Executive David Crowley's <u>veto</u> of a resolution expressing opposition to the <u>planned expansion of I-94</u> in Milwaukee County

"With one clear voice the Milwaukee County Board has said 'NO!!' to freeway expansion. It is disappointing that County Executive Crowley has decided to ignore the concerns of many community groups and impacted citizens of Milwaukee County," said Weishan.

The Board of Supervisors adopted the <u>resolution</u>, sponsored by Supervisors Weishan, on March 25, by a vote of 16 to 1. The Board previously expressed opposition to I-94 expansion in 2015.

Residents have expressed opposition to the current expansion proposal in public meetings held by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and conservation groups like WisPIRG.

"As Milwaukee County continues to work on improving the health of our communities, the adjoining neighborhoods of Story Hill and Merrill Park will suffer directly from increased air and noise pollution and that is unacceptable," said Weishan.

Supervisor Steve Shea joined Weishan in calling on Board members to override the County Executive's veto.

"History has shown that adding more freeway lanes does not reduce congestion, but one thing we can be sure of is that reducing lane width and eliminating shoulders will lead to more frequent and more deadly collisions. There are countless alternatives to expanding freeway capacity, such as working with major employers downtown to stagger their start times and investing in public transportation. I urge my colleagues to join me and override the County Executive's veto," said Shea.

The County Board will consider County Executive Crowley's veto on April 22.